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**Subject:** RE: Ammonia Leak - Kansas City, MO - Situational Awareness Report

Ok. Thanks, Mike. I figured as much, but I have never seen a typical unit so I am unfamiliar with their setup

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Just as an aside, anhydrous ammonia releases from contained systems is probably the most frequently reported chemical release to the NRC in Region 7. It's almost routine, but rarely results in a whole facility evacuation. However, it is common to temporarily evacuate a process area of a facility while the leak is isolated and repaired.

The fire department is/was on scene for this one, and we didn't send a responder. Nor did MDNR, I don't believe.

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Dave,

This most likely came from the refrigeration unit. If the equipment is working appropriately the facility "charges" the unit with anhydrous ammonia then it recirculates in the unit and should stay contained inside the equipment. In case you want additional information here is a link to EPA R7's refrigeration manual for your reference: [https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-05/documents/accident\\_prevention\\_ammonia\\_refrigeration\\_5-20-15.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-05/documents/accident_prevention_ammonia_refrigeration_5-20-15.pdf)

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Hey, Terri/Jo Beth!

I am guessing the leak would have come from equipment? Refrigeration unit? Would the equipment used in these types of facilities have the AA self contained within the equipment? Or is there a supply tank filled with chemical and piped into the refrigeration unit?

Thanks!

Dave

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**From:** NICC  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2016 11:05:51 AM  
**Subject:** Ammonia Leak - Kansas City, MO - Situational Awareness Report

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For your situational awareness:

**Critical Infrastructure Involved:** Impacts to Critical Infrastructure are unknown at this time

At 0822 EDT, the National Response Center reported the evacuation of Belfonte Ice Cream & Dairy Food Co., at 1511 Brooklyn Ave, Kansas City, MO, due to an anhydrous ammonia release:

- Several buildings in the immediate area were evacuated
  - Traffic at Truman Road and Brooklyn Avenue were shut down to allow emergency crews to access the site
- The amount released and duration of release is unknown at this time
- Emergency crews responded approximately at 0840 EDT
- The National Weather Service reports current conditions to be 70 degrees, light thunderstorms, and calm wind speeds

This facility is not Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) regulated.

The NICC continues to monitor this incident and will provide additional information if warranted.

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If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, contact the NICC at 202-282-9201 or [NICC@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:NICC@hq.dhs.gov). Thank you.

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